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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Charles Eric Hunter

Confirmation No.: **6394**

Application No.: **09/436,281**

Group Art Unit: **2623**

Filing Date: **November 8, 1999**

Examiner: **Fred H. Peng**

For: **VIDEO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b)**

In response to the Interview Summary dated **July 7, 2008**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page _____ of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page ____ of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page _____ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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REMARKS

The Interview Summary dated July 7, 2007 was received after Applicant's Amendment and Response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2008 was filed on June 23, 2008. This paper is filed merely to confirm that any deadline set forth in the Interview Summary has been satisfied.

Applicant generally concurs with the examiner's comments regarding the substance of the interview and that no agreement was reached. Further, we note that applicant's attorney discussed with the examiner and Mr. Peng how the subject matter of claim 15 is distinguished from a traditional video on demand (VoD) system. Applicants will consider whether it would be helpful to clarify that the preselection mechanism permits preselection of "categories" of movies, as distinguished from a VoD system's selection of an individual title. In addition, applicants will consider whether to further distinguish the claims by reciting that the "preselection" information is not transmitted upstream to the system operator or server, i.e., that the preselection does not affect the blanket transmission schedule.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that this response fully complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b), as set forth in the Interview Summary dated May 23, 2008.

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